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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO PHILIPPINES, MAY 2-4

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1. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AMBASSADOR GONZALES HAS ASKED ME TO CALL ON HIM EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 19, AT THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO DISCUSS VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE. RECOGNIZING YOU MAY STILL HAVE SOME PROBLEMS AT YOUR END, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE WHATEVER GUIDANCE YOU CAN PROVIDE FOR THE GONZALES MEETING, INCLUDING ITEMS CITED REFTEL AS WELL AS INDICATION OF MAY 2 ETA AND POSTURE REGARDING ARRIVAL CEREMONIES (IN VIEW "REST AND PRIVATE TIME" STIPULATION).

2. AS YOU KNOW, WE ANTICIPATE GOP WILL REVIVE IDEA OF COMBINED CORREGIDOR-BATAAN DAY CEREMONIES ON CORREGIDOR MAY 3 WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND PRESIDENT MARCOS AS PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS. PRESUMABLY THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO US. I ALSO ASSUME THAT IF THE GOP SUGGESTS THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR PARTICIPATE, THAT ALSO WOULD BE AGREEABLE. IT SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT THE GOP WILL MAKE THIS SUGGESTION SINCE THE JAPANESE CHARGE SPOKE AT LAST YEAR'S CEREMONIES ALONG WITH OUR AMBASSADOR AND PRESIDENT MARCOS, AND THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR WAS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK THIS YEAR UNTIL THE
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EVENT WAS POSTPONED TO EARLY MAY IN ANTICIPATION OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S VISIT.)

3. A MORE DELICATE QUESTION WILL ARISE IF THE GOP DOES NOT SUGGEST OFFICIAL JAPANESE PARTICIPATION. IF NOT, SHOULD I GENTLY INDICATE THAT PERHAPS JAPAN BE REPRESENTED, THEIR HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED TO DO SO? I SEE

MERIT IN JAPANESE PARTICIPATION SINCE OTHERWISE THE U.S.
MIGHT APPEAR TO HAVE CONCURRED IN RETRACTION OF THE
PREVIOUS INVITATION, AND BECAUSE SUCH PARTICIPATION
PRESUMABLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED IN JAPAN AND WOULD BE
CONDUCTIVE TO THEMATICALLY LOOKING AHEAD AS WELL AS BACK
IN RECOLLECTION. ILLUSTRATIVE OF SUCH A THEMATIC APPROACH
WE ARE TRANSMITTING SEPTEL A DRAFT TEXT OF POSSIBLE REMARKS
FOR CONSIDERATION FOR POSSIBLE USE AT THE JOINT CORREGIDOR-
BATAAN DAY COMMEMORATION MAY 3, ON ASSUMPTION THAT JAPANESE
AMBASSADOR WOULD AT LEAST BE PRESENT AND RECOGNIZED, IF
NOT HIMSELF SPEAKING.

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